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D/I. USAF PROPOSED CHANGES TO SE-46:
PROBABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOVIET BLOC AND
WESTERN POWER POSITION

1. Reference page 6, paragraph 11, second line: Delete "substantial."
2. Reference page 8, paragraph 14, second and third sentences: Revise

as follows:

As the West and the Bloc attain the capability to deliver crippling blows ~~at~~ against each other by strategic bombardment with atomic weapons it may be that their disposition to rely on such tactical uses of atomic weapons and on conventional military capabilities ~~for waging~~ general-war will increase. In any case, these last two capabilities will continue to be important in meeting threats of local cold war aggression.

3. Reference page 11, paragraph 19: Revise as follows:

As the ~~only single aggregation of~~ most highly developed aggregation of industrial and human resources outside the U.S. itself and comparable in many respects to the Soviet Bloc, Western Europe ~~plays~~ will continue to play a major role in the world power balance. Its continued weaknesses, such as dependence on U.S. aid, ~~lack of will to sacrifice~~ lack of a sense of urgency regarding the Communist military threat, disputes between France and Germany, and French and Italian instability, constitute a major vulnerability of the Western Powers, while ~~its~~ Western Europe's

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acquisition by the Bloc would be a tremendous increment to Soviet power. The reappearance of a strong and viable Western Europe including Germany, would substantially decrease Western vulnerability and alter the present power relationship between the Soviet Bloc and the West to the advantage of the latter.

4. Reference page 15, paragraph 26, line 6: Delete "sizable." ✓
5. Reference page 16, paragraph 27, line 6: Substitute "changed" for "arrested."

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